

A year and three days by Ihni

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Summary:

Billy lived - and after a year, he sends proof.

Steve goes after him.

Based off of [this artwork and accompanying ficlet](#) by Gravegroves.

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Author's Note:

- For [Gravegroves](#).

It's been a year, and Steve's doing much better
A year to the day, is when Max gets the letter
Inside is a note with four lines of text
An address; so Steve knows where he will go next

He takes time off work, and he packs to go far
He stuffs it all into the trunk of his car
He gets in his Beemer; bids Hawkins farewell
(There'd been a photo too; Billy'd looked well)

The trip there is gruesome – thousands of miles
To Steve it's the last of a long line of trials
He rests when he has to, wherever that's cheap
He stares at the ceilings, but don't often sleep

He gets there – the address – but Billy's not there
“The beach” is the answer when Steve's asking “Where?”
He leaves his car parked at the roadside and walks
The ocean is close, just a couple of blocks

The weather is warm and the city's alive
It feels like it takes him a blink to arrive
The beach's full of people; all smiling and tanned
Inhabitants, clearly, of this sun-kissed land

And there, in a couch under palms and blue skies
Is Billy; alive, which is still a surprise
Just three days ago, Steve was certain he'd died
But here he is now; alive, verified

He's shirtless, and scars are adorning his chest
He's sprawled out, contented – completely at rest
His hair has grown longer, his skin is more gold
All in all, Billy's a sight to behold

And then he looks up, sees that Steve is before him
Steve suddenly worries that he will ignore him
But Billy's lips twitch and he says with a smile;
"Hey there, amigo. It's been a while."